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SUBJECT: CONGEN OFFICE SPACE IN LUANDA; FSL JULIO DORREA

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1. WE ARE INFORMED THIS EVENING BY MFA OF GIST OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM AMBASSADOR VECCHI IN LUANDA TO MFA:

A) VECCHI HAS MET WITH DEPFORMIN ALMEIDA, WHO TOLD HIM THAT GOA
MEASURES TO OCCUPY USG EX-CONGEN OFFICE SPACE SHOULD "IN NO
WAY BE TAKEN AS STEPS AGAINST USG PER SE".

B) INSTEAD THEY ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF A STATE OF NECESSITY
FOR THE GOA STEMMING FROM THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
OF MINISTRIES CREATED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE.

C) ALMEIDA ASSURED VECCHI THAT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
ITSELF RPT ITSELF WOULD TAKE CARE OF FINDING NEW STORAGE SPACE
FOR SUG FURNITURE AND OTHER PROPERTY CURRENTLY STORED IN EX-
CONGEN AND THAN, IN MEANTIME, THERE WOULD BE NO MOVE AGAINST
THE OFFICE.

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2. AMBASSADOR VECCHI COMMENTED IN HIS MESSAGE TO MFA THAT
ALMEIDA'S RESPONSE GIVE A "NEW LIGHT" TO THE PROBLEM, I.E.,
A GOA INITIATIVE WITH "GOOD OBJECTIVE REASONS," I.E.,
DESIRE TO UNITE ITS MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IN ONE BUILDING.
VZCCHI ALSO COMMENTED TAHT GOA INITIATIVE WASINFLUENCED BY

FACT THAT AREA WAS LEASED, NOT OWNED, BY USG, AND THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE "PLENTY OF TIME" FOR FINDING NEW STORAGE SPACE AND TRANSFER OF USG PROPERTY THERETO.

3. VECCHI CONFIMED THAT HE HAD PASSED MESSAGE, CONCERNING BISSAU TRANSFER, TO CORREA, BUT HAD NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT CORREA RESPONSE.

4.COMMENT: WHEN QUERIED BY EMBOFF, MFA CONTACT (RACHELE) SAID SECOND, GOA RESPONSES TO SUCH INTERVENTIONS HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT NOT ONLY DID GOA NOT RESENT GOI CHANNEL BUT VALUES IT AS ONE WAY OF DEALING WITH GOA'S "PREOCCUPATION WITH ANYTHING THAT CAN CREATE PROBLEMS" WITH USG. BEAUDRY

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